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SUBJ: VISIT OF MPEAA OFFICIALS TO MIDDLE EAST TO DISCUSS FILM
PIRACY

REF: STATE 84791

1. EMBASSY WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF
MOTION PICTURE EXPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA RE PROBLEM OF
FILM PIRACY WHEN THEY COME TO UAE APRIL 12. AS DEPARTMENT
SHOULD BE AWARE, THIS POST HAS IN PAST HAD CORRESPONDENCE WITH
MR. FREDERICK GRONICH OF PARIS OFFICE OF MPEAA. (E.G., AMBASSA-
DOR'S LETTER OF NOV 27, 1977, COPY POUCHED NEA/ARP DIRECTOR
TWINAM) ON PROBLEM IN DUBAI. AS WE HAVE EXPLAINED, LACK OF
COPYRIGHT LAW IN UAE MAKES IF DIFFICULT FOR MPEAA TO PROTECT ITS
FINANCIAL RIGHTS EVEN IF UAE OFFICIALS WISHED BE COOPERATIVE.
MOREOVER, SINCE REGULATION OF IMPORTATION OF FILMS IS RESPONSI-
BILITY OF CUSTOMS DEPARTMENTS IN EACH OF SEVEN DIFFERENT EMIRATES,
MPEAA WOULD NEED TO APPROACH EACH EMIRATE INDIVIDUALLY TO TRY AND
GAIN ENFORCEMENT.

2. IN ABOVE-MENTIONED CORRESPONDENCE, EMBASSY PROPOSED TO
MPEAA AS ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION THAT IT ENTER INTO EXCLUSIVE
AGREEMENTS FOR EACH FILM WITH ONE OR MORE LOCAL DISTRIBUTORS.
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SUCH AGENCY AGREEMENTS HAVE PROVIDED MEASURE OF PROTECTION IN
PAST, AS EXCLUSIVE AGENTS HAVE RIGHT TO REQUEST CUSTOMS
OFFICERS IN DIFFERENT EMIRATES TO SEIZE OR BAR ENTRY TO ITEMS
IMPORTED CONTRARY TO AN AGENCY AGREEMENT. WE HAVE ALSO RECOM-
MENDED THAT MPEAA NEGOTIATE THEIR EXCLUSIVE AGENCY AGREEMENT
IMMEDIATELY UPON THE RELEASE OF THE FILM AND NOT SIX MONTHS
LATER. LATTER PRACTICE HAS GIVEN PLENTY OF TIME TO FILM PIRATES

TO MAKE AND DISTRIBUTE COPIES.
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